

PRINCETON MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT
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**BOARD OF LIGHT COMMISSIONERS
ZOOM PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 7, 2023**

Action Items:

Commissioner Gott will contact Town Hall concerning the Town Employee/Volunteer Party at The Barn Restaurant.

The public meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m.

Present were Commissioner- Rick Rys, General Manager- Sean McKeon, General Foreman- Chris Courville, Ashley Reddy, and Karen Mammone

Zoom: Commissioner- Richard Chase, Commissioner- Phil Gott, and Brian Pellerin

Agenda:

The Board voted unanimously in favor (3-0) to accept the written November 7, 2023, agenda.

Meeting Minutes:

September 12, 2023, Public Meeting Minutes- The Board voted unanimously in favor (3-0) to accept the minutes as written.

October 10, 2023, Public Meeting Minutes- The Board voted unanimously in favor of (3-0) to accept the minutes as written.

General Manager's Report:

Current Bank Balances-

The Board reviewed the bank account balances report dated November 7, 2023. A copy will be placed on file. All bills are paid in a timely manner.

2023 Cashflow Budget Review-

Mr. McKeon presented the board with a copy of the 2023 budget details dated November 7, 2023. A copy will be placed on file. The cash flow figures were for January-September 2023, with a target of 75.00%. Mr. McKeon stated that revenues were 79.57% and expenses were 75.05%.

2024 Draft Budget Review:

Mr. McKeon presented the Board with the budget for 2024. After reviewing each budget section, the Board decided to vote during the December meeting.

Update on Operations:

- The PPA (Power Purchase Agreement) with Sterling and West Boylston has been renewed.
- The Maine Class-2 RECS hydro deal will start in 2028 with .2 megawatts, helping PMLD reach 50% of the required non-carbon emitting goal by 2035.

- The MMWEC representative, Jason Viadero, contacted APPA (American Public Power Association) concerning the Deed Grant. A decision has not been made as of this meeting.
- PMLD is negotiating with Verizon on the new pole sets. Verizon pays half the cost of the poles.
- The wind turbine insurance check looks to be about \$110,000 more than initially expected.
- Mr. McKeon is working with MMWEC's Lawyer, Nick Scobbo, on the Battery Storage Contract.

Sterling Interconnection- Mr. McKeon and Mr. Stelmach (Sterling's General Manager) recently discussed signing the contract between the two towns.

Other Updates:

- The Linemen have been working on transferring poles installed during the year.
- The Linemen have been working on Calamint Hill N setting up for conversion work.
- The Linemen changed transformers and have been repositioning poles and wires.
- Changing some of the 4800 transformers to dual voltage transformers and transformers for the new homes built in town so there is enough capacity.
- Worked on one of the trucks for the annual inspection, and one truck was sent out for boom repairs.

Landfill Solar & Community Solar- The committee has been working on the landfill, the right of way on the site, which was recently identified, the interconnect line from National Grid to see if it still exists or may have expired, and if there is capacity for additional solar.

New Bill format: Mr. McKeon will contact NDS (Northern Data System) with answers to their questions concerning the bill format.

Facebook/Website:

No Information

New Business/Parking Lot:

Commissioner Rys would like to discuss Mr. McKeon's new contract that recently expired at next month's meeting.

Commissioner Gott reminded the PMLD staff of the Town Employee and Volunteer Party at The Barn on November 15th. Unfortunately, the staff wasn't aware of this event. Commissioner Gott will get in touch with Town Hall.

Public Session:

No guests

At 4:12 p.m., the Board voted unanimously in favor (3-0) to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Mammone

Recording Secretary